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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

- 1) *The number of times your trust has sent a patient to a zoo or safari park for a medical investigation or procedure (e.g. MRI scan).*
- 2) *For each of these instances please can you detail the following:*
 - a. *The zoo or safari park the patient was sent to.*
 - b. *The investigation or procedure that was carried out.*
 - c. *The reason why the patient was sent to the zoo and not treated within a hospital or other regular medical facility.*

[We have never referred a patient to a zoo or safari park for an imaging procedure.](#)

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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